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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number:	09/937,194
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Art Unit:	2826
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 21, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.170(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0350.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 03/19/2003 AWDNDAF1 00000045 09937194
- ii. ☒ Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.135 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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